

Remarks/Arguments

Upon entry of the accompanying amendment, claims 10-29 will be pending in this application. Claims 1-9 are rejected in the Office Action of April 19, 2006. Claims 1-9 are cancelled, and claims 10-29 are newly added herein.

Re: Claims 1-2 and 5-7

Claims 1-2 and 5-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,374,406 issued to Hirata (hereinafter, "Hirata"). This rejection is deemed moot in view of the cancellation of claims 1-2 and 5-7 herein.

Re: Claims 3-4 and 8-9

Claims 3-4 and 8-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hirata. This rejection is also deemed moot in view of the cancellation of claims 3-4 and 8-9 herein.

Re: Newly Added Claims 10-29

Claims 10-29 are newly added herein to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as their invention, and to clearly distinguish over prior art including Hirata. By way of example, Applicants note that newly added independent claim 10 defines a method for operating a video processing apparatus comprising steps of:

“receiving an electronic mail message remotely from a user, said electronic mail message comprising an operating command and program identification information including at least one of a first type of program identification information and a second type of program identification information;

processing said electronic mail message to determine whether said electronic mail message includes said first type of program identification information;

scheduling an event related to a program identified by said program identification information if said electronic mail message includes said first type of program identification information;

processing said electronic mail message to determine whether said electronic mail message includes said second type of program identification information if said electronic mail message does not include said first type of program identification information;

searching program guide information for said program if said electronic mail message includes said second type of program identification information; and

scheduling said event if said program is found during said searching step.”

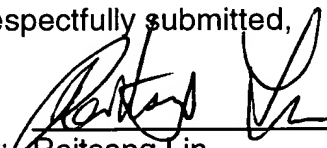
As indicated above, the method of claim 10 is capable of scheduling an event (e.g., program recording, etc.) in response to a received electronic mail message. Moreover, the method is capable of accommodating at least two different types of program identification information (e.g., channel/time information and/or a program name). In this manner, the claimed invention provides additional flexibility for users when they want to schedule an event using an electronic mail message. Newly added independent claims 17 and 24 are drafted in apparatus format and include similar elements. Prior art such as Hirata fails to teach or suggest, *inter alia*, accommodating at least two different types of program identification information, as claimed. Accordingly, newly added claims 10-29 are deemed allowable over the prior art including Hirata.

Conclusion

Having fully addressed the Examiner's rejections it is believed that, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks/arguments, this application stands in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited. If,

however, the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' attorney at (609) 734-6813, so that a mutually convenient date and time for a telephonic interview may be scheduled. No fee is believed due. However, if a fee is due, please charge the fee to Deposit Account 07-0832.

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